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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS)	
HAVING CHANGE-OVER	:	
TYPE DEVELOPING DEVICE)	October 31, 2003

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Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

REMARKS

The documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449, may be deemed pertinent because they were cited during prosecution of parent Application No. 10/286,815 filed November 4, 2002. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the cited U.S. documents are available in the above-mentioned parent application and are therefore not

submitted herewith. Copies of the foreign patent documents are provided for the Examiner's consideration.

FEE STATEMENT

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed together with the present divisional application. Accordingly, Applicant believes that no fee is required. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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		03-256069	11/1991	JAPAN			YES
		10-268606	10/1998	JAPAN			ABST.
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